

Land Acknowledgment

This land acknowledgment was drafted in 2022-2023 by NALSA leadership in collaboration with the Native Student Alliance at DU and community members.

The acknowledgment was hung in the Ricketson Law Building in Summer 2023 in two locations on the first floor.

In the spirit of healing, and *In a Good Way*, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law respectfully acknowledges that we live, learn, reflect, and teach on the traditional territories and ancestral homelands of the Nunt'zi (Ute), Tsitsista (Cheyenne), and Hinonoeino (Arapaho), and all those original Indigenous People of the land upon which the University of Denver stands. We further acknowledge the painful history of the Sand Creek Massacre associated with the founding of the University of Denver and the United States' legacy of violence that displaced Indigenous communities, eroded Tribal Nation sovereignty, and forcibly assimilated Indigenous Peoples into U.S. society. We will work to illuminate a new path forward of unity, collaboration, and healing for all communities. Now is the time to reflect upon and personally reconcile how the genocidal acts against Indigenous People intersect with our learning, collaboration, and sharing of knowledge. May this acknowledgement pay respect to the contributions and enduring presence of Indigenous People and Nations and demonstrate a commitment to dismantling ongoing legacies of oppression and inequities.